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For: **Extension of Fibre Channel Addressing**
Inventors: Czeiger *et al.*
Our Ref: 0987.0060000

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2. PTO-1449 citing one document;
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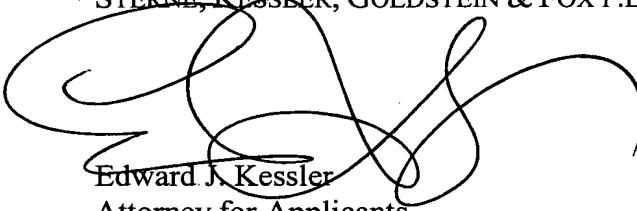
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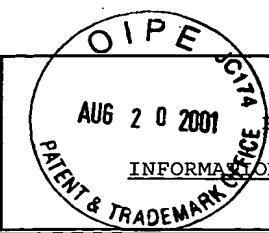
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